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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT - PARA 3)

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1. UN SOURCE JERUSALEM HAS TOLD US THAT GENERAL SIILASVUO HAS ASKED HIS STAFF TO LOOK INTO MODERNIZING CURRENT UN OBSERVATION POST CAPABILITY AND EQUIPMENT (WHICH IS DESCRIBED AS WORLD WAR II VINTAGE - CONVENTIONAL BINOCULARS) KEEPING IN MIND POSSIBLE REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW TASKS IN MIDDEL EAST. SIILASVUO HAS SET UP UN MILITARY WORKING GROUP TO LOOK INTO ALL ELEMENTS OF PROBLEM INCLUDING ESPECIALLY CHECKING U.S. EQUIPMENT AND EXPERIENCE IN SINAI.

2. FOLLOWING TALKS WITH SFM, PLAN IS TO BEEF UP INITIALLY A SITE IN GOLAN (OP-71) WHICH HAS COMMANDING VIEW OF TERRAIN IN ALL DIRECTIONS. NIGHT SIGHT CAPABILITY IS FIRST PRIORITY WHILE SUBSEQUENTLY USE OF SENSORS AND ALL-WEATHER CAPABILITY I.E. RADAR ARE ALSO BEING CONSIDERED. SECOND SITE BEING
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PLANNED FOR IMPROVED CAPABILITY WOULD BE SOMEWHERE IN SINAI.

3. SOURCE SAYS THAT SIILASVUO HAS NOT TALKED TO ANY OF THE INVOLVED GOVERNMENTS ABOUT THIS AND WAS FURIOUS WHEN HE LEARNED THAT GENERAL PHILIPS HAD BROACHED SUBJECT RECENTLY TO WALDHEIM. AS A RESULT OF PHILIP'S INDISCRETION, SIILASVUO HAS BEEN ASKED TO KEEP UN INFORMED ON THIS MATTER.

4. SIILASVUO HAD TOLD NEWLIN AND THORNE THAT COST WOULD BE
A PROBLEM, HOWEVER HE HOPED TO OBTAIN NIGHT-SIGHT
EQUIPMENT FROM JAPANESE.
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